Domestic Girlfriend

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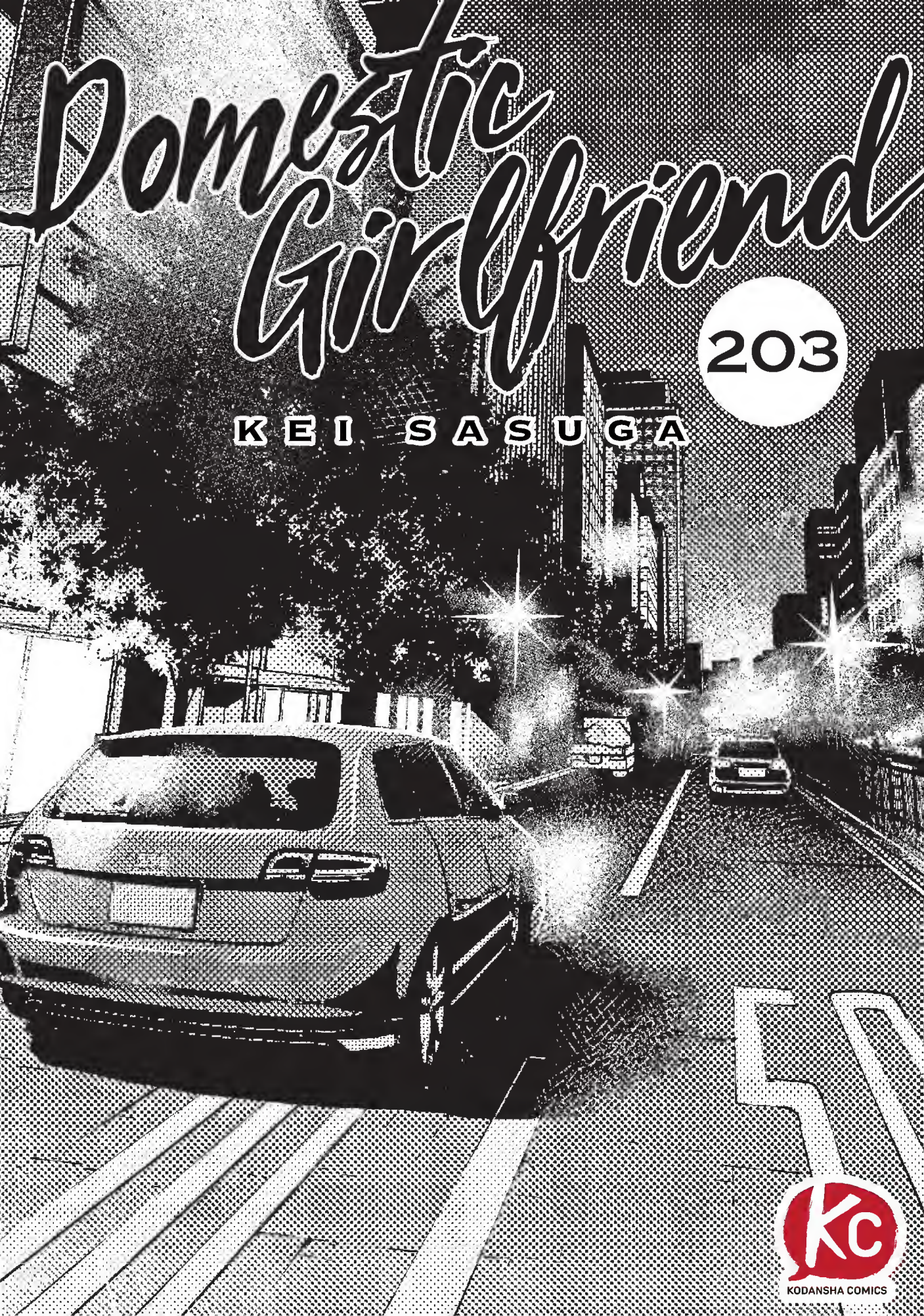
KEI SASUGA



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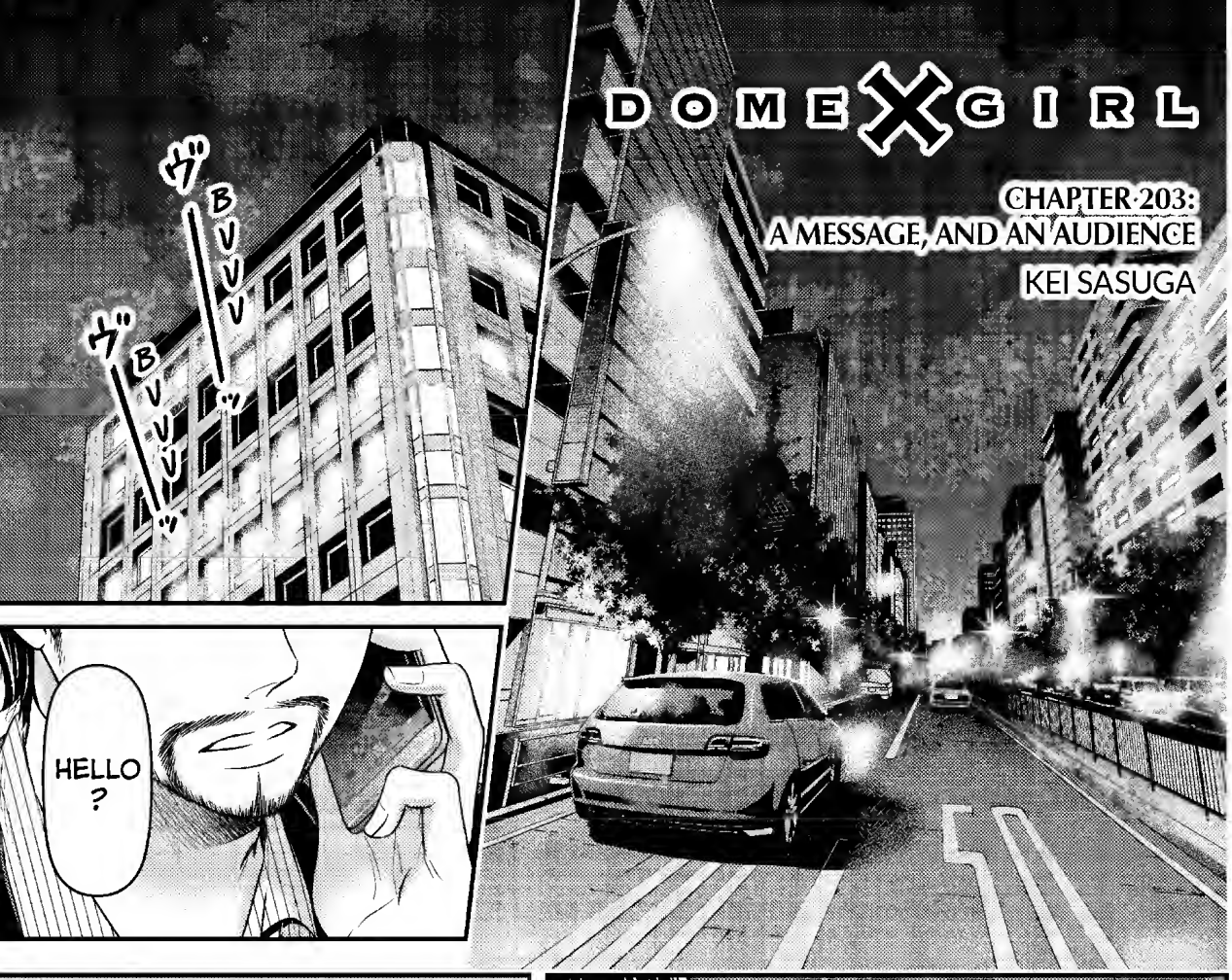
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CHAPTER 203:
A MESSAGE, AND AN AUDIENCE
KEI SASUGA
BUUU
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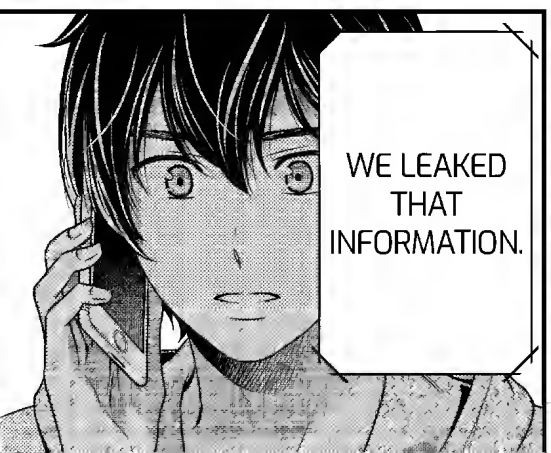
HELLO?

HOW'D THEY FIND OUT ABOUT—
I'M SORRY.
HUH?


WE LEAKED THAT INFORMATION.

HELLO? TSUTAYA-SAN?
IT'S ME, FUJII.
I SAW THE TALK ONLINE.
WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON?!

EX-CUSE ME?
WE SHOULD HAVE CON-SULTED YOU BEFORE GOING AHEAD WITH THIS ADVERTISING APPROACH,
BUT THE EDITOR IN CHIEF KNEW YOU WOULD BE OPPOSED TO IT AND MADE ME KEEP MY LIPS SHUT.
APPAR-ENTLY, THE REASON THEY RUSHED THE DATE,
WAS SO THAT THEY COULD CATCH THE HYPE WAVE BEFORE THE YEAR ENDED AND THE BUZZ FIZZLED OUT.
WHA...? I DON'T...
BUT *WHY?*
I WAS JUST AS FLOORED AS YOU WHEN I HEARD.
IN SHORT, IT'S ALL A PLOY TO GET MORE COPIES INTO MORE HANDS.
...
...I DIDN'T *WANT* TO DO THIS.
BUT IT'S TRUE THAT THIS WILL GET MORE PEOPLE INTERESTED IN YOUR BOOK.
AND THE CHIEF THINKS HIGHLY OF YOU AS A WRITER.
THAT'S WHY HE ORCHES-TRATED THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE.
THEY'RE ALREADY TALKING DOING A SECOND PRINT—
BOOP
TSUTAYA-SAN
蔦谷さん

...
NAT-
SUO
...
FRANKLIN
MARSHALL
!
BAM
I...
I DIDN'T POUR MY BLOOD, SWEAT, AND TEARS INTO THIS...
...JUST TO BE-COME A FUCKING SPECTA-CLE!

名前: ANONYMOUS IDxxx-xxxx

Holy shit the victim put out a book lmao

what if the whole stalker thing was a hoax?

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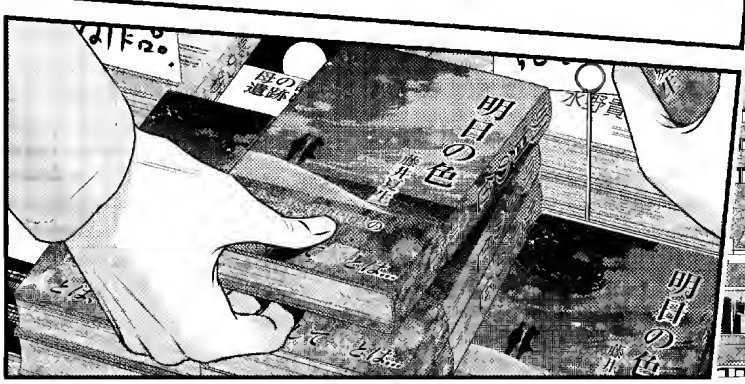
Ayy self-inserting. It'd be dark if he had his older siste

set that guy up. I feel bad for stalker bro lol



BOOK: SHADES OF TOMORROW / NATSUO FUJII

UH-UH! I'M GONNA GIVE HIM A PIECE OF MY MIND!
WE *REALLY* SHOULDN'T DO THIS!
'SCUSE ME!
IS THERE A TSUTAYA-SAN HERE?
OH.
YES ...
THAT'D BE ME.
TAK
TAK
TAK
!
YANK
ARE YOU OUTTA YOUR MIND, LEAKING THE DETAILS OF NATSUO-CHAN'S ACCIDENT?
WITHOUT EVEN *ASKING* HIM?

NATSUO-CHAN PUT HIS HEART AND SOUL INTO—
I KNOW ...
I KNOW HOW HARD HE'S WORKED.
I'VE BEEN WITH HIM EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. I KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE!

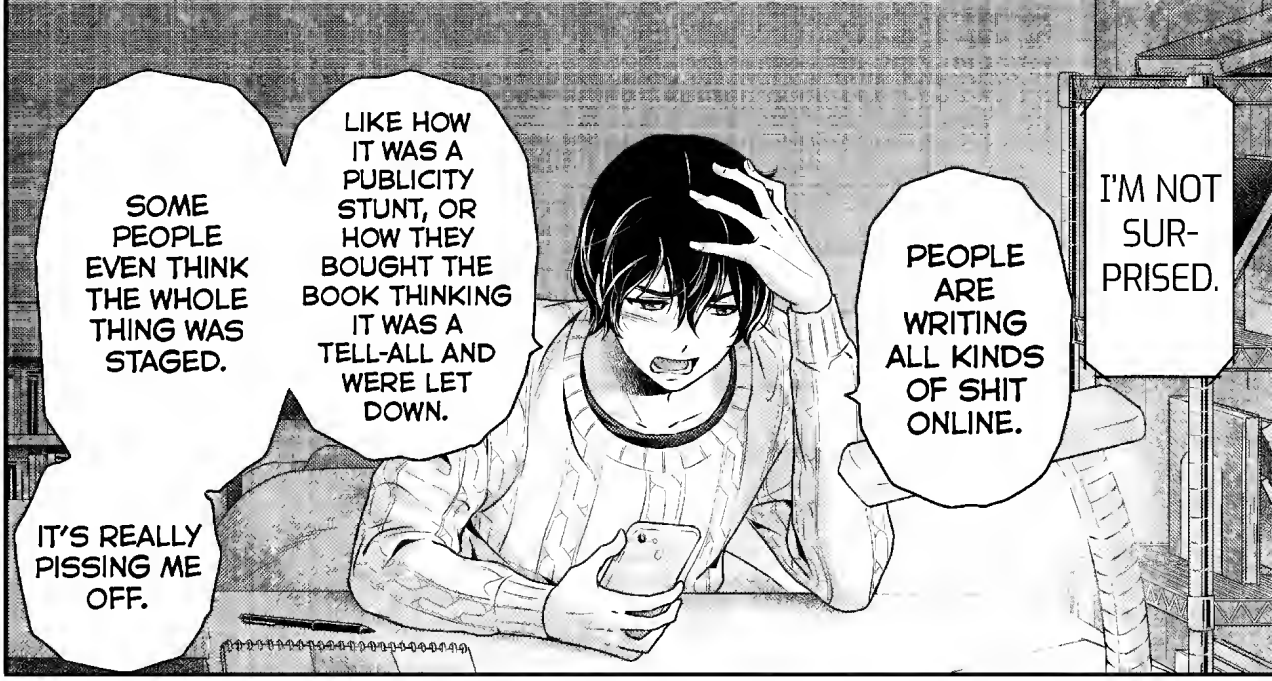
B-BOSS!
HIS BOOK WASN'T A MEMOIR OF THE INCIDENT OR ANY-THING.
YOU COMPLETELY INVADED HIS PRIVACY.
HE COULD TAKE YOU TO COURT FOR THIS, Y'KNOW.
YOU THINK YOU CAN DO WHAT-EVER YOU WANT JUST TO SELL A FEW MORE COPIES?

GUESS YOU'RE A VICTIM IN THIS TOO, THEN.
ORDERS ARE ORDERS, HUH?
SNAP

YOU'D BETTER FOLLOW UP WITH HIM.
NATSUO-KUN'S HURT REAL BAD OVER THIS.
STILL, I DON'T CARE WHAT THE COMPANY'S INTENTIONS WERE.

IF IT WERE UP TO ME,
I WOULDN'T HAVE SOLD IT LIKE SOME TRASHY CASH GRAB!

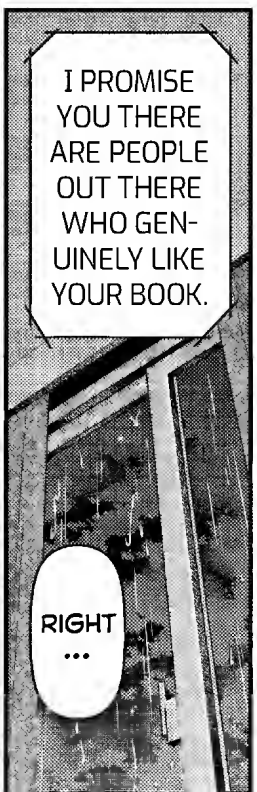
YES.
OF COURSE.
I'VE SAID MY PIECE.
LET'S GO, FUMI-KUN.
OH, ONE MORE THING.
YOU SINGLE?
ER...
MARRIED WITH KIDS.
TCH
I SHOULD BE STOKED...
...TO SEE PEOPLE PICK UP MY BOOK.
BUT...
I DUNNO, I JUST FELT KINDA CONFLICTED.


I'M NOT SUR-PRISED.
PEOPLE ARE WRITING ALL KINDS OF SHIT ONLINE.
LIKE HOW IT WAS A PUBLICITY STUNT, OR HOW THEY BOUGHT THE BOOK THINKING IT WAS A TELL-ALL AND WERE LET DOWN.
SOME PEOPLE EVEN THINK THE WHOLE THING WAS STAGED.
IT'S REALLY PISSING ME OFF.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT WHAT PEOPLE SAY ONLINE.
PEOPLE WHO TROLL LIKE THAT ARE JUST TRYING TO VENT.

WHY DO YOU KEEP READING THAT STUFF?
WELL, IT'S STILL ABOUT MY BOOK, SO...
WHAT'S THE POINT IF IT JUST MAKES YOU MAD?

...
NATSUO! DINNER'S READY!


I PROMISE YOU THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO GEN-UINELY LIKE YOUR BOOK.
RIGHT ...

JUST IGNORE THEM.
OKAY?
...

COLE-SLAW!
FISH TAR-TARE!
HAM-BURG STEAK!
I SEE WE'RE HAVING THE "MINCE IT TO HELL" MENU TONIGHT.
NOOOT EXACTLY WHAT I HAD PLANNED.
I WAS JUST SO ANNOYED THAT I STARTED COOKING AND THE NEXT THING I KNEW, EVERYTHING WAS CHOPPED TO PIECES.
DNK
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DNK
ANNOYED?
WELL, I CHECKED THE WEB BE-CAUSE I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT PEOPLE THOUGHT ABOUT YOUR BOOK...
...AND ALL THESE PEOPLE WERE WRIT-ING SUCH HORRIBLE THINGS, LIKE HOW IT WAS ALL A HOAX OR SOME-THING!
GOD, IT MADE ME SO MAD!

GRRRR
I ALMOST WANNA MAKE A THROWAWAY ACCOUNT JUST TO TELL THEM HOW WRONG THEY ARE!
BAD IDEA.
WELL, KEEPIN' HIM IN THE DARK WAS DEFINITELY A BAD CALL.
TRUST IS VITAL TO A HEALTHY WORKING RELATION-SHIP.
THESE SALES FIGURES ARE UNHEARD OF FOR A NEW WRITER.
AT THIS RATE, IT MIGHT EVEN OUTSELL SUZUKO AZAMINA'S MAIDEN WORK.
BUT ...
...I JUST CAN'T HELP BUT REGRET THE WHOLE THING.
YOU'RE ABSO-LUTELY RIGHT.
WE SHOULD'VE TRIED TO COME TO AN UNDER-STANDING WITH HIM BEFORE GOING AHEAD WITH ANYTHING.
BUT ...

THANKS TO MY SPINELESS-NESS, HIS PRECIOUS FIRST RELEASE IS A DISASTER.
MOST OF IT'S MUD-SLINGING GARBAGE
I DUNNO.
NO... I ONLY HAVE MY WEAK-NESS TO BLAME.
JUST LOOK AT ALL THESE NEGATIVE REVIEWS.
IF ONLY ...
...I HAD MORE OF A SAY IN THINGS.

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★★★★★ A story that really hits home.

tamuchin

I picked it up to see what all the fuss was about. Turns out, it's actually a short story collection that has virtually nothing to do with the news story. Needless to say, I was confused. But the more I read on, the more the story drew me in. I actually cried when I finished it. Back in grade school, one of my best friends was abducted and killed. All these years, I've had to live with so much anger and regret over what happened. Sometimes, I'd try to open up to people about it, only to get blank stares in return each time. It was really frustrating. There were a ton of characters whose pain I could totally connect with, and I feel like reading this book finally helped me move on a little.

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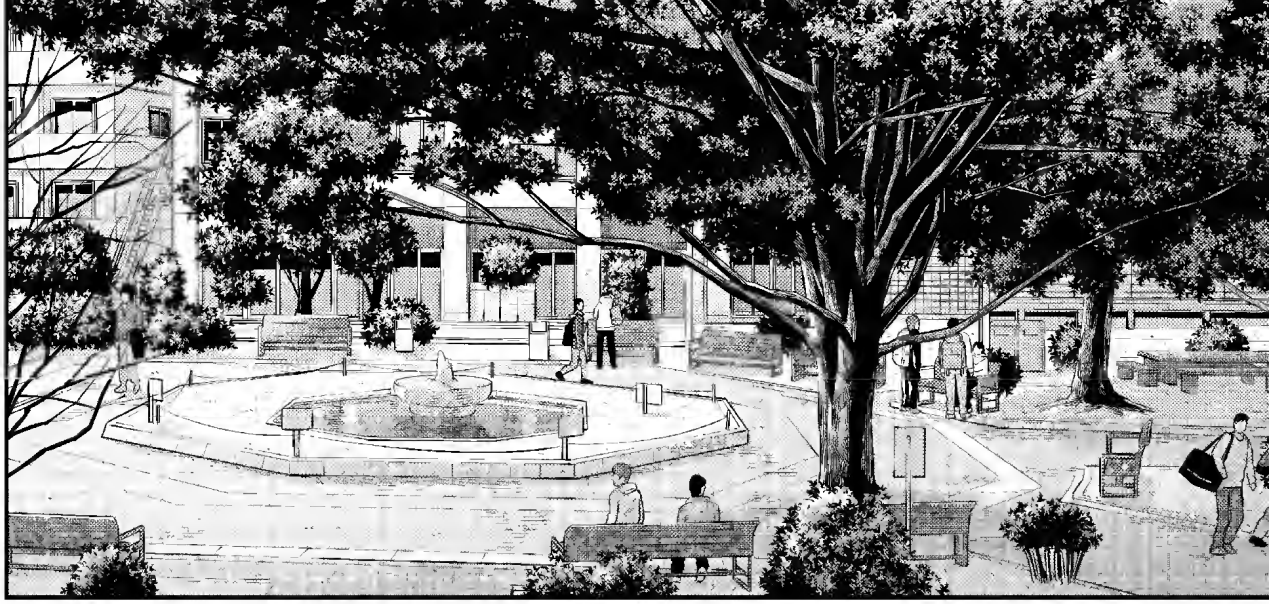
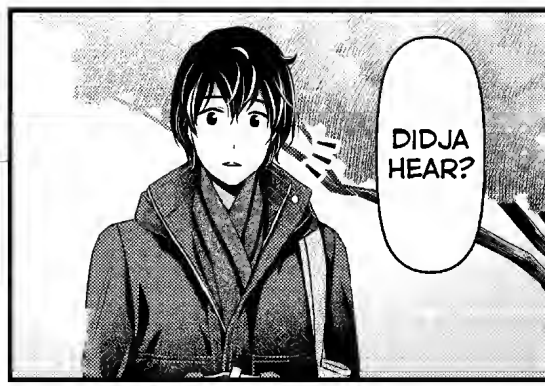
THEN I'D CALL IT A HUGE SUC-CESS.

IF HIS MESSAGE REACHED HIS TARGET AUDIENCE,



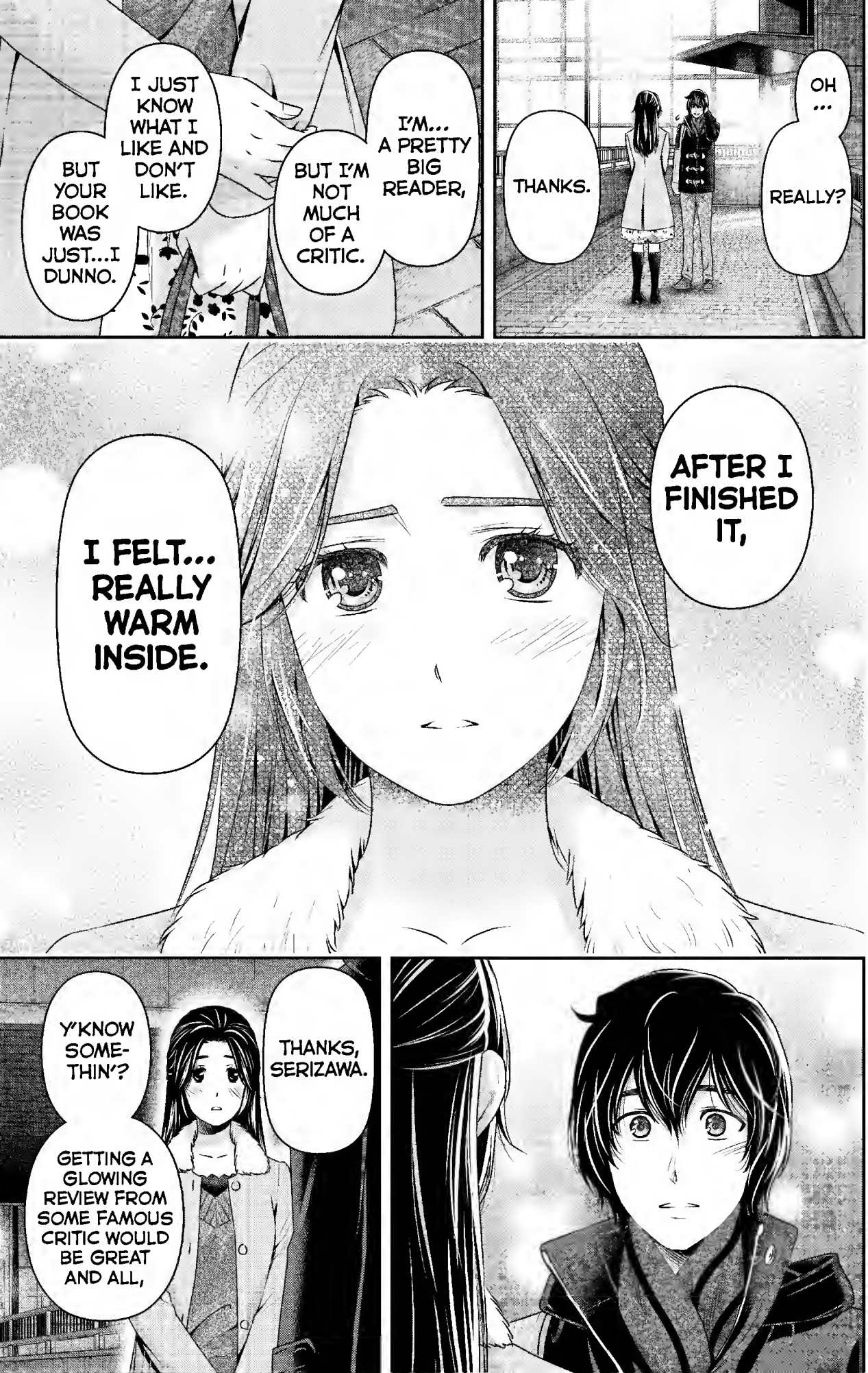
A STUDENT HERE WROTE THIS BOOK.
SERI-OUSLY ?!


DIDJA HEAR?

FUJII-KUN!
I READ YOUR BOOK, MAN!
カチャ
CHACK
HEY, GUYS ...
OH! I READ ABOUT THIS ONLINE.
SO, IT IS ABOUT THAT STALKER INCIDENT OR WHAT?

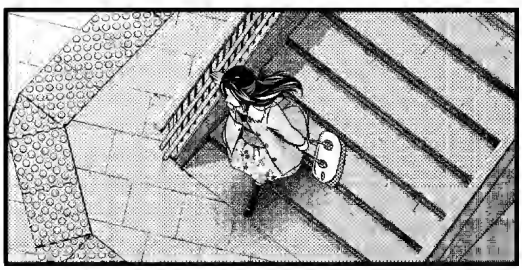
I WAS HOOKED FROM PAGE ONE!
I KNEW IT WAS A GOOD IDEA TO RECRUIT YOU, NAA-KUN!
QUIT TRYING TO TAKE CREDIT.
...!
THE NEW STORY YOU WROTE FOR IT WAS SO GOOD!
HON-ESTLY, THEY WERE ALL GOOD!
YOU BLEW THOUGH IT ALREADY?!
YOUR DELICATE APPROACH TO SETTING SCENES REALLY SHINED THROUGH.
I WAS BLOWN AWAY BY HOW I COULD RELATED TO ALMOST EVERY SINGLE CHARAC-TER.
IT WAS AN EASY READ, TOO.
I'M NOT HUGE ON BOOKS, I DIDN'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM FOLLOWING ALONG.
TH-
THANKS, GUYS...
YOU COULD TELL JUST HOW MUCH THOUGHT YOU PUT INTO IT.
HUH? ARE YOU CRYING, NAA-KUN?
NOPE.
YO, SOME-ONE SNAP A PIC!
I SAID I'M NOT CRYING!

UM ...
FUJII-KUN?
WE'VE BARELY SPOKEN SINCE THEN.
WH-
WHATS UP?
SERI-ZAWA ...
THAT'S SO IM-MORAL!
I READ ...
...YOUR BOOK.


I'M... A PRETTY BIG READER,
BUT I'M NOT MUCH OF A CRITIC.
I JUST KNOW WHAT I LIKE AND DON'T LIKE.
BUT YOUR BOOK WAS JUST...I DUNNO.
OH ...
REALLY?
THANKS.
AFTER I FINISHED IT,
I FELT... REALLY WARM INSIDE.
THANKS, SERIZAWA.
Y'KNOW SOME-THIN'?
GETTING A GLOWING REVIEW FROM SOME FAMOUS CRITIC WOULD BE GREAT AND ALL,

FWIP
H-
HERE!

A TICK-ET?
IT'S TO A PLAY BY THE TROUPE...
...I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH ON WEEKENDS SINCE THE FESTIVAL.



I CAME REALLY CLOSE TO HATING HIS GUTS.
BUT IT'S NO USE.
THE WHOLE THING WITH THIS SISTERS WAS A HUGE TURN OFF.

BUT IT'S HONEST OPINIONS LIKE THAT...
...THAT REALLY MEAN THE MOST!

SEE YA!
I ONLY HAVE A SMALL ROLE, BUT FEEL FREE TO COME WATCH!
SURE.
LATER.
DASH

WHENEVER HE SMILES AT ME LIKE THAT,
I FEEL LIKE I'M GONNA LOSE IT!
THAT'S GOTTA BE LOVE~
それが恋ってものだろ
BABY~
HEY, RUI! HOW'S IT GOING?
HEY, HINA-NEE? IT'S ME.
HELLO?
TRILLRILL
I WAS WONDERING HOW NATSUO'S DOING.
ARE YOU OFF TODAY?
NOT BAD.
NAH, I'M JUST ON MY LUNCH BREAK.

WHAT DO YOU THINK, HINA-NEE?
MMM.
BETTER THAN HE WAS ON RELEASE DAY, ANY-WAY.
BUT HE'S NOT EXACTLY CHOMPING AT THE BIT TO GET TO WORK ON HIS NEXT STORY, Y'KNOW?
HE MUST BE PRETTY TORN UP OVER IT.
I SEE ...
HINA-NEE.
CAN I ASK YOU FOR A FAVOR?
WOULD YOU MIND...
...TAKING NATSUO SOMEWHERE TO HELP TAKE HIS MIND OFF OF THINGS?